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Sir:

In response to the written restriction requirement dated August 5, 2002, the applicants hereby elect Group IV (claims including polynucleotides encoding SEQ ID NO:8, recombinant cells containing the polynucleotides, and a method of controlling insects using the transformed host cells). It appears that there were three typographical errors in the written restriction requirement. "SEQ ID NO:2" was repeated in each Group, while it appears that SEQ ID NOs:4, 6, and 8 were intended for Groups II, III, and IV, respectively.

Although it is believed that no fees are due in connection with this Election, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account 19-0065.

The applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to allowance.

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